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Subject: dual band ht recommendation ??
To: ham-equip@ucsd.edu

I am planing to buy a dual band ht and would appreciate any info
either pro or con on the following radios.

Alinco DJ-850t
Icom IC-W21 AT
Kenwood TH-78A
Yaesu FT-530

I am considering using it with a full duplex phone patch and am also interested in extended receive coverage.

Thanks

Bruce N4USH

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Subject: Dual Band Mobile Info Wanted

To: ham-equip@ucsd.edu

In article 414@ke4zv.atl.ga.us, gary@ke4zv.atl.ga.us (Gary Coffman) writes:
> Since you already have an Alinco, you should look at the Alinco dual band
> mobile rigs. I have a 570 and a 590, and both have been flawless performers.
> The 570 has a great big hulking heatsink and an internal duplexer. The 590
> has a dinky thermostatically controlled fan and individual band outputs.
> I actually like the 570 better, but both have their good points. The newer
> 599 and 600 are also supposed to be good.

Does the 570 have a removable faceplate? I'm looking for an economical dual-bander for motorcycle use and would require this feature. Unfortunately all of the nice new models cost more than I want to pay right now for this use.

Any other suggestions on older models (read less expensive :) that might meet this criteria? I'm not looking for bells and whistles, just a reliable dual-bander with a removable face plate.

Thanks,

Steve

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-- Steve Bunis, Sun Microsystems ***DoD 0795*** 93-ST1100
-- Itasca, IL ***AMA 682049*** ***STOC 008***
-- ***HRCA HM125617** ***HSTA 5334***
-- *** N9VLP *** "This Space for Rent"
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From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!sol.ctr.columbia.edu!news.cs.columbia.edu!
news.columbia.edu!usenet@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Kenwood TH-78A
To: ham-equip@ucsd.edu

I am about to purchase a handheld dual band radio. After looking at different models, I decided to buy a Kenwood TH-78A. Does anyone out there have any experience with this radio or with Kenwood products in general?

Thank you in advance.

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Date: Wed, 22 Jun 1994 16:26:11 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!library.ucla.edu!csulb.edu!csus.edu!netcom.com!
slay@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: MFJ-16010 ant tuner manual?
To: ham-equip@ucsd.edu

Greetings! I just aquired an MFJ-16010 (very) small antenna tuner made by MFJ from a friend. I was told that the tuner works only with balanced antennas (eg - gotta use a balun with a dipole, etc). The unit comes with SO-239 connectors. However, according to the AES catalog, this little item is supposed to be a "random wire tuner". hmmmmmmmmmm

Since I did not receive a copy of the manual, I'm wondering if some kind soul could enlighten me on the use/operation of this little gem? Perhaps even a copy (I'll pay of course) of the documentation - tho that is not an immediate necessity.

I'm hoping to use this with a small QRP rig I have.

Cheers & 73 de,
Sandy WA6BXH/7J1ABV
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From: newsgate.watson.ibm.com!watnews.watson.ibm.com!detschel.Berkeley.EDU!
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Subject: MICOR Channel Elements & Crystals for them
To: ham-equip@ucsd.edu

With channel elements my experience has been it is best to send the whole thing to the manufacturers, then let them put the crystal in and 'compensate' the whole thing. They might have to change some components in the oscillator circuit to make the thing work correctly. I've done this with Jan and Crystek, and it added about ten bucks to the price + shipping. Of course this was a few years ago. I think ICM does the same thing.

Bill Detschel N2IPK

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 94 17:25:09 PDT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!sdd.hp.com!portal.com!portal!cup.portal.com!
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Subject: Need UNDERGROUND info source
To: ham-equip@ucsd.edu

Where can I get underground information fro stuff like:

Modifying a HT to transmit out of band, on any (or alot of) freqs?

Re-programing the electronic serial number of a cellular hand held?

Other interesting projects.

Please email.

Thanks

Date: Wed, 22 Jun 94 23:40:38 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!pacbell.com!well!barrnet.net!ccmail.com!
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Subject: Ni-Cad Packs
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In article <CrFwx1.J33@tc.fluke.COM>
borst@tc.fluke.COM (Ron Borst) writes:

> If this question has been asked recently, please excuse my lack
> of attention.

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> Question: Does anyone have any experience with 'Periphex' or any of the
> other after market Ni-Cad battery packs for HT's? They are about half
> the price of the radio manufacturer's packs and that's hard to ignore
> unless the 'you get what you pay for' rule applies here?
>
> Any experience or recommendations, comments, or advice would be
> appreciated.

I've purchased and used packs from W&W Associates in New York on my
Yaesu FT-470 and 33R HTs. They offer packs that are a direct
replacement in both physical size and capacity (i.e. I don't have to
buy another radio case to fit a non-Yaesu battery :-). It works for
me....

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Subject: Standard HT Mods
To: ham-equip@ucsd.edu

Does anyone know of modifications for the Standard 288A 220mhz HT to extend
the receive coverage beyond the factory set 250mhz upper limit? Tnx for
the
help.

73
Steve WA6TAF.

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Subject: TEMPO-ONE swap.
To: ham-equip@ucsd.edu

=> Quoting Internet: Nds@world.std.com to ** All ** <=

IN> I've got a Tempo-One I want to swap for something worth 50 bucks and

IN> radio related. The radio basically works, although it needs a good
IN> tweaking.

You didn't say what accessories come with it, or if it's a black or silver unit. I
am however, interested. How radio related does the trade have to be? All I've got
right now is PC stuff.

Allen
N0GOM

... I can't fix a radio that's older than I am! What would people think!
___ Blue Wave/QWK v2.12 OS/2

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Subject : Re: (Rechargeable) Alkalines vs NiCads?

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>>battery packs. The reason, I'm told, is that should the NiCads be
>>shorted out, the worst case scenario includes an explosion.
>>The alkalines, the story continues,
>>wouldn't dissipate their charge as quickly and are, therefore, safe.
>>How do the renewable alkalines fit into this picture? Are they as safe to
>>use in HT's as ordinary alkalines?
>
>What?! I haven't heard of anything like this. I have a BP-90 AA battery pack
>for my Icom W2A with NiCads in it. The manual expressly allows this. Perhaps
>you are thinking of the warning about using an external power supply with
>the HT while the battery pack has _alkaline_ batteries in it. This can lead
>to heating, leaking, or even a battery explosion. Never use the external
>power while your HT has any kind of non rechargeable batteries in it.
>
Renewal Bashing (mostly accurate) deleted.

Yaesu specifically warns in BIG LETTERS that you should NOT put NiCd batteries in alkaline AA cases (though I do it all the time.) Their explanation is that the AA cases lack the "necessary thermal and overcurrent protection in case of a short" and may be an explosion or fire hazard.

OK, they are protecting their own battery pack business.

BUT, there IS some truth to this. I have a Yaesu FT-530, with the FBA-12 AA case. Those that use this beware:

Most NiCd cells use the printed jacket as insulation. That is, the entire can is the negative terminal, with an insulator near the top of the battery separating the positive terminal from the can.

The printed label on many cells (especially the cheap ones) is made out of flimsy plastic which has an annoying tendency to rip, come off, or just plain fall apart. This leaves parts of the can exposed.

The FBA-12 is a clamshell type design, where 3 cells are inserted on each half. Now, if parts of the cans of the cells are exposed, and you put the clamshell together, it is possible to short two cans, thus shorting out the cells inbetween the two shorting cells.

Good NiCds can put out tremendous currents, and if left shorted, will at least destroy the cells from internally generated heat, may vent caustic solution, or explode.

My solution: Out of a thin piece of plastic (overheads work well), I cut out a square that fits snugly inbetween the two halves. The current is carried between the halves using a lip, so the sheet doesn't get in the way. This way, the two halves are isolated and the shorting problem is alleviated.

So, although the manufacturers are being paranoid (lawyer bait), there is some truth in this allegation.

I suppose that alkalines can have the same failure, but you usually end up throwing them away before the plastic wears away, and they don't have the high short circuit current problem.

-Ken

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I don't make this stuff up. It only reads like I do!

It must vary from manufacturer to manufacturer. When I was in the market for
an HT and had narrowed down my choice to the Yaesu FT-530 and the Standard
C558A, I spent an hour at HRO reading both manuals cover to cover. Both had
prohibitions against the use of rechargeables. The C558A manual (page 6),
under Suitable Batteries, says:

Size AA magnesium batteries

Alkaline batteries

Do not use size AA nickel-cadmium batteries

The business about the alkalines being slower to dissapate their charge in
the case of a short was the (possibly garbled in the retelling) explanation
given by one of the people at HRO.

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